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CIRCULATION DECEMBER, 1909.

1.....6,675	16.....6,744
2.....6,676	17.....6,798
3.....6,676	18.....6,869
4.....6,699	19.....6,798
5.....6,708	20.....6,787
6.....6,711	21.....6,782
7.....6,714	22.....6,773
8.....6,714	23.....6,782
9.....6,755	24.....6,770
10.....6,749	25.....6,770
11.....6,750	26.....6,772
12.....6,747	27.....6,767
13.....6,744	28.....6,767
14.....6,744	29.....6,767
15.....6,744	30.....6,767

Total 176,966
Average December, 1909.....6,806
Average December, 1908.....5,146
Average December, 1907.....8,819
On this day appeared before me,
R. D. MacMillen, business manager
of The Sun, who affirms the above
statement is true, to the best of his
knowledge and belief.

PETER PURYEAR,
Notary Public, McCracken Co. Ky.
My commission expires January
10, 1912.

Daily Thought.

He who sets his sails to the wind
of applause steers with his back to
the future.

Howard Chandler Christy had em-
braced Christian Science, and now
his wife is trying to give him absent
treatment.

Someone has introduced a bill in
the legislature, reducing the pay of
juvenile officers from \$1,000 to \$700.
Good! ours has been drawing \$1,200.

Dr. Nuttall, formerly superintendent
of the asylum, who fled upon
his return of an indictment, charging
him with unseemly conduct with an
inmate, is now occupying quarters
in the institution as an inmate being
found a sufferer from paresis.

It is questionable whether all of
Senator Eaton's constituents will
agree with him that the proper way
to adjust the state's revenue to ex-
penditures is to raise the tax assess-
ments. Farmers and city men down
this way, who see hundreds of thou-
sands of dollars appropriated for
other sections, would prefer to see
taxes cut down by issuing bonds to
pay for the new capital.

A DISGRACEFUL SPECTACLE.

Both the Democrats and Republi-
cans made tactical blunders in con-
gress, besides disgusting the people
with a show of petty politics in a
serious investigation. In the first
place, the Democrats, given the privi-
lege by the majority, of naming mem-
bers of the investigating committee,
should not have placed a man like
Hafney, obviously for the purpose of
making political capital out of the
case, on the committee. It is too
sharp a lesson to the majority to re-
frain from further liberality of that
kind. Moreover, it is bad enough in
so serious a situation to observe the
friends of Baile and Pinchot try-
ing to pack the committee with parti-
sans, without the minority party try-
ing to take advantage of the occasion
to sling mud at the whole ad-
ministration. All the president and
the people want is a fair hearing and
the truth about the conservation of
national resources. The public, con-
fused by the complications, may now
well doubt the fairness of most any
committee finding. The Republican
caucus exceeded its prerogatives,
when it undertook last night to select
a committee member for the Demo-
crats.

POLITICIANS.

Politicians of the old school are
drawing parallels for the situation at
Washington, for the most part de-
picting the evidences of independ-
ence of Republican congressmen,
and predicting dire calamity on
former revolts against gag rule.

Practical politicians are almost to
a man utter empiricists. They bring
into statecraft the same sort of
equipment the average man brings
into his business, experience and ac-
quaintance with contemporary local
conditions. As the politician rises,
he gains in experience and shrewd-
ness and acquires a working knowl-
edge of human nature; but, unless
he has read history and keeps an eye
on matters that lie deeper than the
muddy surface on which he floats,
he will eventually find himself water-
logged or aground. He forgets that
time flows on like a stream amid
continually changing scenes and cir-
cumstances and geographical settings. An
old river man may acquire great wis-
dom, concerning the causes of ed-

dies and whirlpools and currents,
but if, as he goes down the river, he
fails to note that it is widening and
deepening and the current growing
stronger, and that new people line the
banks, with new hopes and desires,
his craft will be in danger and his
cargo unsalable.

THE TAXPAYERS AND THE SCHOOLS.

Any assistance the city of Pa-
ducah may give the schools of
Paducah in a financial way will be
money well spent.—News-
Democrat.

Here's a matter on which we all
seem to agree. It is not a matter of
mere sentiment, either; but a matter
of common sense economy.
It makes little difference, now, of
course, how the floating debt of the
schools came about, but it puts us,
to begin with, in a little more sym-
pathetic attitude toward the present
trustees, when we understand that
they had nothing to do with incur-
ring it; that they are men of the
very highest business qualifications,
who consented to give their time at
the urgent request of distressed citi-
zens to the school problem; and that,
in addition to restoring harmony,
they actually managed with their
meagre revenues to pay off part of
the existing debts, during the year
just ended. Knowing the character
of men composing the board, we feel
more like entrusting money to them,
and more like wiping clean the slate
and giving them a chance to improve
the schools, at least, to the full ex-
tent of their income, part of which
now goes to paying interest on the
floating debt.

That interest account is what chal-
lenges our common sense. The
school board is an entity distinct
from the city, to be sure, and a 35
cent levy out of this general tax
levy is apportioned to it by state law;
so the city government naturally
feels no direct responsibility for the
schools. However, brushing aside
these artificial distinctions erected
by fiction of the law, the same tax-
payers, who support the city govern-
ment, support the schools, and that
annual interest on the floating debt
must be met by them; and, whether
the city does or does not pay off the
\$6,000 remaining for the schools
this year, the same people will have
the \$6,000 to pay eventually—only,
if the money is paid this year the in-
terest will stop.

That is the taxpayer's point of
view, we take it. He desires the
cheapest and most effective adminis-
tration possible. It will be made
cheapest by stopping the interest
forthwith, and made most effective
by saving the income of the schools
for the purpose for which it was in-
tended—the current expenses of op-
eration.

When men of the character of
those composing the school board,
are willing to give their time and
talents to the public, that is the
time when the public should be
most liberal toward the schools as-
sured that the money will be prop-
erly spent. For that reason, too,
we hope the general council will keep
down the annual charges against the
city government; so that after sev-
eral municipal projects of great im-
portance planned for this year are
completed, and the charter is amend-
ed, permitting the issuance of short
term, special assessment bonds by
the general council, the municipal
budget may be cut, and fifteen cents
more of the levy added to the public
school fund.

A new High school is needed, and
when the city limits are extended
westward, a new school building out
that way will be immediately de-
manded; but with the new property
assessment next year and the added
real estate wealth, these affairs will
not greatly bother our school trust-
ees, if the floating debt is out of the
way.

There is involved, owing to the
artificial distinctions between the
city school board, a legal question,
which we will not pretend to pass
upon. That is whether the city has
the legal right to transfer funds to
the school trustees; but with all of
us agreeing as to the moral rectitude
of the transaction, a way around the
technicality can be found by lawyers,
accustomed to guide parties through
such labyrinths.

RESOLVED!

As a bit of satire, containing
some wholesome truths, and a clever
way for the state legislature to side-
step responsibility for the deficit in
the state treasury, caused by flag-
rant abuse of the appropriating
power without adequate means for
raising extraordinary revenues, the
resolution of Senator Eaton, declar-
ing that there is no demand for
remedial legislation and reciting the
fact that county boards of equaliza-
tion do not assess county property at
a fair valuation, is worthy of pres-
ervation; but to be of value to the
state and taxpayers, it should have
gone further and elucidated Senator
Eaton's views of how to get a fair
valuation of taxable property.

Moreover, there is a reason why
bonds should be issued for the state
capital. Is it anything to boast of,
that a building, expected to last a
century or more, was erected with-
out a bond issue, when the four or
five generations who are to use it,
will be deprived thereby of other
improvements just as essential and
perhaps, compelled to pay interest
on floating debts instead of on
bonds, while deserving creditors of
the state are compelled to wait
months for their money? For years
and years there has been an annual
deficit of a quarter of a million dol-
lars as the books of the state show,
and for two months preceding the
election of Governor Wilson school
teachers' pay was held up, as the

teachers well remember, while the
money left in the treasury was more
than used up within a week after
Wilson's inauguration by warrants
that had been made out in the sum-
mer and fall and held up in order
that there might be a cash showing
January 1.

The building of the state capitol
may have been responsible for this
deficit, and the \$500,000 appropria-
tion made by the last legislature for
the normal schools without provid-
ing any means of raising the reve-
nue accounts for much of the bal-
ance of the deficit; but is it good
statesmanship to create floating
debts at current rates of interest
and injure the credit of the state by
defaulting in payments, rather than
to issue bonds at a small rate of
interest and pay current expense
debts promptly?

Is it not fair, besides, that those,
who come after and enjoy the bene-
fits of the new capitol should bear
their pro rata share of the expense?
States are supposed to be perpetual,
with annually recurring expenses
and annual revenues, that may be
approximately estimated. Conse-
quently, it is good statesmanship to
apportion these expenses in such a
manner as to match as nearly as
possible the anticipated revenues,
having at all times, of course, con-
sideration for economy.

Naturally, the burden of the ex-
pense of the capitol did not become
pressing until the building was near-
ing completion; so there was no
brave or statesmanlike in the
idea of starting the building on cur-
rent revenues, getting into arrears,
dodging creditors and paying inter-
est in order to deceive the people
into believing that great economy
and good financing were being ex-
hibited, when in reality floating
debts and interest accounts and de-
ficits were being laid up for those,
who were to come after. That is
like sweeping the dirt behind the
door. It is the doctrine of "After
me the deluge!"

The deluge has come. The natural
result of such folly is apparent in
falling state credit, defaults in pay-
ment of bills, big interest accounts
and inability of the state to go
ahead with other enterprises that
are sadly needed.

And what do we get? An impos-
ing resolution, reciting, that, where-
as, it is reported that the county
boards of equalization do not assess
property at its fair valuation, the
state legislature, which is using
money designed only for the current
expenses of the state to build an im-
posing capitol, is not responsible for
the deficit and no remedial legisla-
tion is required.

Kentucky Kernels

Robbers busy at Fulton.
Dave Fisk dies at Farmington.
A. J. Conant, of Kuttawa, dies.
Big timber wolf near Hopkinsville.
Daniel Brown, 76, dies at Hender-
son.

Two killed in railroad accident at
Jackson.

Wooten & Morris, Fancy Farm,
assigns.

Infant of Charles Underwood, Ful-
ton, dies.

Green and Barren rivers now open
for navigation.

Mattie Brann and Ferd Butler
marry at Fulton.

Newton Ford, frozen to death in
creek at Tompkinsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Allie Roper, of Ful-
ton, parents of girl baby.

Mrs. Nancy Smith, 90, butted to
death by ram at Glasgow.

Ernest Wray, detective, shot by
Laban Burton at Fulton, dies.

Ed Hoffman, Henderson, ruptures
blood vessel coughing and dies.

Miss Cornelia Walker and Mr.
Black Nance, of Farmington, marry.

Miss Hattie Owen, of Mayfield, and
Mr. Fred Thompson, of Fulton,
marry.

William D. Wilson, of Mayfield,
and Vivian Mayo, of Dresden, Tenn.,
marry.

ALDERMEN

WILL WRESTLE WITH FOUNTAIN
AVENUE EXTENSION.

Ed D. Hannan, president of the
board of aldermen, will tonight ap-
point a committee of three aldermen
to compose a "surveying team" with
City Engineer Washington and Coun-
cilman Wilson, Bowers and Lally to
map out new territory to be annexed
to Paducah. The committee probably
will begin work Friday or Saturday
and after selecting the ground to be
taken in will make a report to the
general council. If the territory is
satisfactory the council will adopt an
ordinance for the annexation.

The aldermen will have a tussle
with the Seventeenth street proposi-
tion tonight, and as to the disposition
of the "B" street wrangle probably
will take the same action as the
council in bringing in an assessment
ordinance, taxing the property own-
ers for the cost of the improvement.
The property owners have refused to
pay and the contractors are threaten-
ing to bring suit against the city.
However, the city will "elude" the
property owners to petitions, bearing
their signatures and asking for the
improvement, which was made with-
out an ordinance by an oversight.

The questions of increasing the sal-
aries of the police and firemen and
ratifying the action of the finance
committee in selling the old central
fire station will also be in the routine
of business.

COUNCIL NIGHTS

WILL BE FIRST AND THIRD MON-
DAYS EACH MONTH.When Furniture Arrives Both
Boards Will Meet at the
Same Time.

To relieve the ordinance committee
of a large amount of unnecessary
work and to teach members of the
general council how to draft an ordi-
nance, an important change was
made in the rules governing the
council last night by the special
committee that met with City Solic-
itor James Campbell, Jr.

When any member desires to have
an ordinance brought in, he will
draft the bill himself in the future
instead of referring it to the ordi-
nance committee to bring in an ordi-
nance. This plan was adopted by
the committee in order that the de-
partment under which the ordinance
originates may see that every detail
is perfect. Then the ordinance, after
being read before the council, can
be referred to whatever committee
it should go before and if there be
any changes necessary the city solic-
itor will make them.

Monday was deemed the proper
day for meetings and the committee
set aside the first and third Mondays
of each month for both the upper
and lower boards to assemble. They
will not begin meeting on the same
night until the aldermanic chamber
is fully equipped. With the new
plan of meetings a bill may receive
passage in the council chamber.
Then the president will appoint one
of the councilmen as a messenger to
convey the ordinances to the alder-
manic body with instructions. If
the aldermen see fit to adopt the law
it will be adopted fully the same
night.

One important action taken by the
committee was to compel the enroll-
ment committee to do its duty in the
future. A rule was adopted, making
it necessary for all ordinances to go
through the enrollment committee's
hands, and for it to be properly en-
rolled before it is signed by the
mayor, approved and published.

A few minor changes were made
in the rules also but not of much
significance. A clerk for the board
of aldermen will have to be author-
ized by ordinance.

Meeting of Fair Associations.

In order to arrange dates for the
fair and races in western Kentucky
and Tennessee a meeting of the of-
ficers of the district will be held in
Jackson, Tenn., next Tuesday. From
Paducah Messrs. Rodney Davis and
A. G. Thompson probably will at-
tend. It is certain that the Paducah
Fair association will be represented
at the meeting. When the dates are
arranged the local fair association
will begin work of getting out ad-
vertising matter for the fair next
autumn.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT.

Every dose makes you feel better. Lax-
Fos keeps your whole inside right.
Sold on the Money-Back plan every-
where. Price 50c.

Notice of First Meeting of Creditors.

In the district court of the United
States for the western district of
Kentucky, in bankruptcy.

In the matter of Benjamin F.
Smith, bankrupt.

To the creditors of Benjamin F.
Smith, of Paducah, in the county of
McCracken and district aforesaid, a
bankrupt: Notice is hereby given
that on the 20th day of January, A.
D. 1910, the said Benjamin F. Smith
was duly adjudicated bankrupt, and
that the first meeting of his creditors
will be held at my office in Paducah,
McCracken county, Kentucky, on the
31st day of January, A. D. 1910, at
10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which
time the said creditors may attend,
prove their claims, appoint a trustee,
examine the bankrupt and transact
such other business as may come
properly before said meeting.

EMMET W. BAGBY,
Referee in Bankruptcy.
Paducah, Ky., Jan. 20, 1910.

IF IT'S ONLY A HEADACHE.
Why Cornelson's Headache Liver Pills
will cure that. 10 cents. Guaranteed
by all druggists.

Marriage Licenses.

J. O. Friel, of Marion, Ill., rail-
road employe, and Bertie Scrivner, of
Venice, Ill.

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You don't often have such a chance to buy such
high grade merchandise at the prices which are quoted in
this sale. We offer you choice of our entire stock of
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Roxboro and H., S. & M. clothes.

Below you will find the prices quoted on Men's
Clothing; Trousers, Shirts, Neckwear, Mufflers, Hand-
kerchiefs, Hosiery, Suspenders, Fancy Vests, Sweaters,
Underwear, Hats, Boys' Clothing, Waists, Blouses,
Knee Pants, Caps, etc., are offered at like reductions.

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Lot 1 Contains Men's and Young Men's
Suits and Overcoats that sold up to **\$5.85**
\$10.00 NOW

Lot 2 Contains Men's and Young Men's
Suits and Overcoats that sold up to **\$7.65**
\$15.00 NOW

Lot 3 Contains Men's and Young
Men's Suits and Overcoats
that sold up to **\$20.00** NOW **\$11.45**

Lot 4 Contains Men's and Young
Men's Suits and Overcoats
that sold up to **\$22.50** NOW **\$13.85**

Lot 5 Contains Men's and Young
Men's Suits and Overcoats
that sold up to **\$30.00** NOW **\$17.75**

Lot 6 Contains Men's and Young
Men's Suits and Overcoats
that sold up to **\$40.00** NOW **\$20.85**

Every Suit and Overcoat in Our Stock is Included
in This Sale.